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In an op-ed for the Oregonian, travel agency owner Ken Morrish of Ashland, Ore., underscores Bristol Bay's far reaching economic tentacles. Morrish makes a strong case for the jobs and business supported by Bristol Bay and explains why Oregonians and others should help protect this national treasure.

He writes: "But this isn't just a natural wonderland; it's an economic engine. Bristol Bay is the most productive wild salmon fishery in the world. There are no dams, no hatcheries, and none of the habitat destruction that decimated salmon runs in the Lower 48, killing the jobs that went with them."

Time magazine explores the future of fish farming and genetically modified fish around the world as wild fish runs are depleted or shrinking. One conclusion: "It's not that commercial fishing will disappear; in fact, sustainable fisheries like Alaska's wild-salmon industry may even produce boutique foods, finally earning what they're worth."

And, NPR station KDLG follows five food leaders who traveled to Bristol Bay the last week of June to learn about the world's greatest salmon run and the threat to it. The group took a tour of the Peter Pan Seafoods cannery, met with fish biologists and flew over the proposed Pebble Mine site. They plan to raise awareness of the issue across the country.

As Kathleen Frith, director of the Center for Global Health and the Environmental at Harvard put it, "There's just water everywhere, so the idea that one could create a mine of this size and scale and magnitude and do it environmentally or do it in a way that doesn't harm the watershed seems absolutely ridiculous to me."

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Bristol Bay mine could harm Oregonian's jobs

Ken Morrish, Fly-water Travel

Oregonian

My first real job was on a salmon tender in Alaska's Bristol Bay, when I was 19. We gathered hundreds of thousands of pounds of wild sockeye salmon from the gill-netters and delivered them to a floating cannery... Click here to read more

Trout Unlimited Brings Visitors to Bristol Bay, Pebble Deposit

Davsha Eaton

KDLG

Although the Pebble Partnership hasn't even presented a plan yet, but the conservation group, Trout Unlimited says they don't want to take any chances. That's why, for the second year in a row, Trout Unlimited brought a group of influential people to Bristol Bay to learn about *their take on the proposed Pebble Mine... Click here to listen

The End of the Line

Bryan Walsh

Time Magazine

Josh Goldman runs a fish farm, but the hangar-size facility in the western Massachusetts town of Turners Falls looks a lot less like a farm than a factory. Thousands of one-third-pound barramundi — an omnivorous fish native to Southeast Asia and Australia — swim in a 36-ft.-diameter tank that resembles a supersize kiddie pool... Click here to read more

Bristol Bay youth learn the art of salmon processing

Margaret Bauman

Bristol Bay Times

Several dozen youths are getting a real education this summer in one of Bristol Bay's oldest traditions, the art of putting up wild Alaska salmon for the coming winter, in cans, as frozen fillets, as salmon jerky and smoked strips of the protein packed fish... Click here to read more

Pebble Mine: Threatens Fish and Livelihood

Geoff Mueller

The Drake Magazine

ASHLAND—Oregon-based outfitter Ken Morrish's first job involved working as a salmon tender in Alaska's Bristol Bay—that was 25 years ago. Here Morrish argues against the proposed Pebble Mine project, an environmental threat with the potential to demolish a fishery and out-of-state jobs... Click here to read more

Bristol Bay provides critical salmon habitat year-round

Amy Snider, AMCC

Fish Basket Coalition

The North Aleutian Basin [NAB] in Southwestern Bristol Bay is being explored as a lease site area for offshore oil and gas development. This ecologically important and globally renowned fishery is also valuable to Alaska's subsistence and commercial permit fishers... Click here to read more

Melting ice caps open up Arctic for 'white gold rush'

Terry Macalister

Guardian UK

The crumpled figure in seat 22 on the Air Greenland flight from Ilulissat to Kangerlussuaq was no Indiana Jones. But Dennis Thomas, a mining engineer viewing gold and diamond prospects in the Arctic, was happy to play up the part... Click here to read more

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